



# St. Michael's Woolmer Green C of E School

## Spring Term News

Week ending 3rd February



Our value for the month of February is  
"Perseverance"

'Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.'

### Respect

This week our focus has been 'respect.' We discussed the meaning of this word and the children came up with some really good ideas.



Respect is about being kind to everyone

It is being polite and considerate

Respect means caring for the environment

We looked at different scenarios and tried to work out whether respect was being shown or not. I have asked the teachers this week to look out and reward the children who show respect to everyone in our school community. Hopefully we will have some more gold stickers on the classroom charts.

### Year 5/6 Athletics Team

On Thursday Miss Prentice and Mrs Deane took our Year 5 and 6 athletics team to compete in the District Finals at Sir Frederick Osborne School. The girls' team were 3<sup>rd</sup> and the boys' team 4<sup>th</sup>. There were eight other schools in the final and competition was fierce. Well done to all the children who competed and did their very best! I would like to thank Miss Prentice and Mrs Dean for organising the teams and to again thank the parents who helped with transport.



### Road Safety Quiz

This morning, our Year 6 team competed in the annual Road Safety Quiz. We hosted the event in the school hall and competed against three other local schools. It was very competitive and the teams were closely matched, but in the end Welwyn St Mary's School stormed ahead. Very well done to our team; Sophia, Elliot, Thomas, Bella and Immy, who had to answer some very tricky questions. We would like to thank Mr Keach for training our team, as well as organising the event.

### Year 6 SATs Meeting

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 2:45pm there will be a meeting for parents to look at the expectations of the Year 6 Statutory Assessment Tests. This will take place in Year 6. We will feedback to parents who are unable to attend, please let us know.

### Electronic Registers

At our staff meeting on Tuesday we were shown how to take the registers and record lunch choices electronically. The very next day we went live....with only a few glitches! This will make our systems more efficient and hopefully save time for the Office Staff. Please ensure that your child/children are in class before 9am as the registers will be taken at 9am. (Teachers are in classes from 8:50am. Once the registers have been taken they cannot be changed by the teachers, so if you arrive late you must bring your child/children into school through the main entrance, where they must be signed in the visitor book. Thank you for your support in this.

### Parent Council

We would like to form a Parent Council after half term. It will meet each half term before the end of the school day. If you are interested in joining this, please leave your details with the Office, including which class your child/children are in.

### Other News:

This week there have been many activities that have really enthused and inspired the children.

### Bringing History Alive



Redwood class (year 3) had a fantastic Roman feast on Wednesday. The children dressed up as either a Roman, or a slave and brought in amazing food, including; roasted dormouse, brains, flamingo tongues and special Roman cheesecake!





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They also drank 'wine' whilst lying down, before visiting the 'vomitorium' - just like Romans would have done. Thank you to all the parents for helping with this day.

I was invited into the hall earlier in the week to watch a wonderful Country Dancing display by the children - a real treat! Thank you to year 3 for their kind invitation.

#### Chinese New Year

The children in Willow Class (Year 1) this week have enjoyed learning about how Chinese New Year is celebrated. They especially enjoyed performing a Chinese dragon dance.



Ellena in Year 1 brought in her Grandfather's commemorative newspaper celebrating the first moon landing in 1969. This was of great interest to the class as they are learning all about Space this term.



#### A Nature Walk



The Reception children (Sycamore) have been looking at the creation story in R.E and they went on a nature walk around the field. They collected

lots of natural objects and looked for the first signs of spring.

#### Computer Programing

Cherry class (year 2) have been learning how to program Turtle Logo. Matilda explained, "You need to tell the turtle what to do by typing forward, left 90, right 90 and then you push run." Fin said, "You can make shapes and tell the turtle where to go." The whole class enjoyed their lesson and everyone made their turtles move!

#### Preparing for Candlemas

Year 4 (Elm class) have been making candles in readiness for leading the Candlemas Service next Tuesday.



#### Problem Solving in Maths

It was lovely to spend the morning with Year 5 (Beech class) on Thursday and to see how enthusiastic they were in approaching a problem solving activity in Maths. They had to 'kit out' a sports team and work out the cost of the different items of clothing and the extra cost of putting names and letters on the kit. They were systematic

in the approaches that they followed and were completely engaged in the activity. Many of them said that they hadn't realised how expensive it would be to buy a team kit. (I'm sure the adults do!) Thank you to Year 5.

#### Help us make the road safer!

Please support us in trying to bring about changes to the road speed on the London Road by reading and acting on the attached letter from the Parent Forum at Oaklands School. (See attached).

#### What's On:

- 7.2.'17 - Candlemas Service 9:15am, presented by Elm class at Church. All welcome to join us.
- 7.2.'17 - Internet Safety Day
- 9.2.'17 - Year 3 (Cherry) class assembly 2:45pm
- 10.2.'17 - Reception height, weight, vision check w/beg. 13.2.'17 Half Term. **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 28.2.'17 - Year 6 parent meeting (SATs) 2:45pm
- 2.3.'17-World Book Day. Further details to follow
- 10<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> March - Science Week
- 22.3.'17-Parent Consultations 4:30-7:30pm
- 23.3.'17-Parent Consultations 3:30-5:30pm

#### Good Work Assembly

Congratulations to the following children, who shared their work in Thursday's assembly. Do come in and see their work on display at the front entrance. The work will remain up for a week.

- Sycamore:** Oliver  
Arthur
- Willow:** Scarlett
- Cherry:** Cerys  
Oliver
- Redwood:** Henri  
Millie
- Elm:** Emel  
Keanush
- Beech:** Phoebe